

MUELLER DECLINES TO TAKE TASK OF FORMING CABINET

Government Troops Made Sortie From Wesel and Drove the Workers Back Raising Siege of City on the East—Snipers Active.

Paris, March 27.—Hermann Mueller, Foreign Minister in the cabinet of Premier Bauer, has declined to accept the task of forming a new German ministry, according to information received by the French Foreign Office today.

There is talk of the appointment of Carl Legien, president of the German federation of trades unions, Otto Hue, former Prussian under secretary of commerce, or Herr Krueger as premier, the advisers say. All three are prominent in trades union circles.

Wesel, March 27.—(By A. P.)—Government troops made a sortie southeast of this city yesterday, drove besieging workers' forces from their posts, shelled the retreating columns and raised the siege of Wesel on both the east and southeast.

Artillery operated by workers' forces dropped two shells into the city and then withdrew.

While the counter attack against the beleaguering forces was going on, reinforcements arrived here. Among them were the famous "Death's Head" Hussars and Uhlans.

Allied commissioners conferred with General Kabisch, and soon afterward the Belgian military authorities at Buderich, in Belgian territory south of here and across the Rhine began issuing passes for civilians to return to the city.

Snipers are still active in the territory evacuated by the workers' forces. Seven shots were fired at the correspondent of The Associated Press and American newspaper men accompanying him while they were returning from advanced Belgian outposts on the Wesel side of the Rhine. They were on an island formed at the confluence of the Lippe and Rhine which is considered Belgian territory.

Tensions seem to have broken out among the workers' troops. The staff at Hagen resigned yesterday because the one at Essen, which is discussing operations on this front failed to observe the 48 hour truce effective Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There is also some trouble among the government forces, judging from constant references to "cowards" in calls for enlistments. Those issued today stipulated that "no cowardly employees were wanted."

The Hague, March 26.—Preparations to meet any emergency at the frontier have been made by the Dutch government, according to authoritative information given The Associated Press, this afternoon. Plans have been perfected for the instant mobilization of three levies of the Second Division and if it becomes necessary, civic guards and volunteer corps from some frontier villages will be called up.

German government troops at Wesel are under efficient officers, have been reinforced and are absolutely reliable, according to reports received in military circles here.

Solomon Is Jailed For Inciting a Riot

Philadelphia, March 27.—Charles Solomon, one of the socialist assemblymen unseated by the New York legislature, and three other New Yorkers, were in jail here today charged with inciting to riot. They were arrested last night when the police broke up a mass meeting in Labor League to protest against the unseating of the five socialist members of the New York assembly.

The others under arrest are Joseph P. Cannon, president of the United Mine and Smelter Workers' union, who also is charged with making seditious utterances; Royal W. France, a lawyer, and J. August Gerber. They will be given a hearing later in the day.

Although there was great disorder and several fights when the police ordered the meeting stopped because of alleged radical utterances of one of the speakers, no one was hurt. A large squad of reserves aided the policemen attending the meeting in emptying the hall and clearing the streets in the vicinity.

DOCTOR'S CLAMP LEFT IN BODY

Cambridge, Mass., March 27.—An autopsy performed on the body of Mrs. Jennie Cholokian, who died at a hospital here under intense pain for which physicians could not account, disclosed the presence of a surgeon's clamp in the body. District Attorney Nathan A. Tuttle announced today. The clamp, five inches long, apparently was forgotten after an operation performed some time ago, and was sewed into the body. The district attorney said there was no evidence available as to where or by whom the operation was performed.

When the baseball from the kid game comes in through the kitchen window, you can at least by sure the gang isn't standing on the curbstones and spitting into the gutter.

HOOVER NOT A CANDIDATE

Repeats Statement—Favors Publicity on Campaign Expenses.

Washington, March 27.—Herbert Hoover replied today to the inquiry as to campaign expenditures addressed to presidential possibilities by Labor, the railroad union's weekly, by saying that "as I have no campaign I have no finance." He reiterated his statement of March 8 that he was not a candidate for the nomination to the presidency and was not seeking public office.

"A number of clubs . . . have sprung up doing me the honor of advocating my nomination," said Mr. Hoover in his letter. "I have no knowledge of their resources which are probably very small. I have no doubt that they would be only too glad to keep their books open for inspection at all times."

Mr. Hoover added that "as a citizen I advocate the accomplishment of full publicity and proper restrictions" on campaign expenditures.

WILL OBSERVE DAYLIGHT LAW

Hartford, Conn., March 27.—This city will go on daylight saving Sunday, Monday. Most lines of business will observe the change, although two big insurance companies, employing an aggregate of 5,000 or 6,000 persons will not.

All city departments, schools, banks, street railway, factories, stores and the postoffice, telephone exchange will adopt the new time.

Standard time will continue in force at the capitol, the courts, most of the United States offices and telegraph offices. Theatres are undecided.

The decision of the railroad company to continue on standard time makes it necessary for certain big offices employing many commuters, to do the same.

The new time goes into effect in Hartford at 2 o'clock Monday morning.

STAMFORD HAS DAYLIGHT LAW

Stamford, Conn., March 27.—Daylight saving was approved by the City Council at noon today, when the council adopted an ordinance making such a change for city offices and employees effective at once. To save confusion the clocks will not be changed until tomorrow. Factory managements have signified their intention to conform to the new hours.

IMMIGRATION INCREASES

New York, March 27.—Resumption of the pre-war immigration of laborers began in earnest today when two Italian steamships arrived here with more than 3,500 passengers, 3,288 of whom were in the steerage. The liners were the Duca D'Aosta and the America, from Naples, Genoa and Palermo.

GET AMBULANCE TO WAKEN YOU

Heavy Sleeper Necessitates Call on Emergency Hospital.

Feel tired in the morning? Have trouble getting awake and getting out of bed?

Call the Emergency hospital and ask for the ambulance!

If Friend Wife has a little difficulty getting you out of your downy couch in the morning have her call for the ambulance and ask the doctor to see what he can do to remedy the situation.

That's what the Emergency ambulance had to do last night when a clerk at the Y. M. C. A. called the hospital and asked for the doctor, stating that he could not wake up a man sleeping in the lobby in one of the soft chairs.

Dr. R. J. Coyle, visions of death from heart disease, paralysis and other things floating before his eyes, climbed into the ambulance and rushed to the scene. Bending over the sleeper the "doc" inserted his finger gently under the fifth rib and Charles Wallace, of Lighthouse Point, Maine, opened his eyes and asked what the trouble was.

"I ain't got no regular place to sleep, so I just drifted in here for a snooze. What's the matter with youse guys—all bugs are you"—and the indignant sleeper wended his way to the outer air and the ambulance returned to the hospital.

On the report slip made out in the hospital on every call, under the heading of "diagnosis," is the simple remark, "sleep."

OFFICERS CAPTURE 2 STILLS

One Was Working and the Other Just Finished.

John Diderka, of 589 Ogden street, finished a nice 10 gallon whiskey still last night and started distilling about midnight and had collected quite a bit of the "forbidden" this morning when Prohibition Enforcement agents under direction of Thomas McAuliffe descended on his home this morning and carted John and his still to the Federal building where Diderka remained until brought before U. S. Commissioner Hugh J. Lavery this afternoon.

Diderka was using a mixture of corn and potatoes for his new still and was evidently procuring good results judging from the contents of his copper retainer. Commissioner Lavery will probably bind the prisoner over for the U. S. court under bonds of \$1,000.

Earlier in the day the prohibition enforcement men captured a new copper still at the plumbing shop of Butler & McCarthy, Grand and Main streets, this morning.

The still is a substantial looking and well made affair standing about two feet high with a tapering top from which a copper distillation coil extends for a few feet.

At the time of the capture neither of the proprietors were present, but the officers returned to the shop at noon for the purpose of making an arrest.

The still taken in last night's raid was a crude affair compared with the one taken this morning.

Last night's capture was a stout wooden still inside of which was a copper coil and the still was covered by an old milk can. The top, through which an opening had been made and a three inch cartridge shell soldered.

BUSINESS MEN STRONGLY FAVOR DAYLIGHT LAW

Mayor Feels Sure Ordinance Will Go Into Effect Here.

A protest against the Daylight Saving ordinance was received at the City Clerk's office this morning from E. F. Ludlow of Woodmont. Mr. Ludlow states in his communication that he and others living in Woodmont now take the 6:45 trolley to Milford and there get the 7:01 train getting to Bridgeport at 7:15 and their work at 8 o'clock. He says that unless trolley and train service accommodates itself to the new regime serious inconvenience will be experienced by him and other commuters.

In a communication from the Bridgeport Business Men's association signed by F. E. Morgan, that organization puts itself unanimously on record as favoring Daylight Saving, the vote being taken at a meeting March 23.

Mayor Wilson stated this morning that he had no doubt that the Daylight Saving plan would go through in this city.

12 KILLED 30 INJURED

Rome, March 27.—Twelve persons have been killed and thirty injured by the wreck of an express train coming down the incline at Pontebba, 31 miles northeast of Udine. The express was proceeding toward Vienna crashed into a number of trucks on the incline.

The collision at Pontebba, which is 130 feet high and located on the old Austro-Italian frontier. Most of the victims were Egyptian medical students proceeding to Berlin.

MARINES LAND AT KAMKAUG

Washington, March 27.—The American Legation at Peking and the consul at Hankow were instructed by the State department today to investigate reports that American marines had landed at Kamkaug, China, at the request of the British consul there to protect foreigners from rioting coolies.

ARREST MORE BOSTON BROKERS

Boston, March 27.—Arrests of brokers in connection with the attorney general's investigation into recent operations in silver and oil stocks—the local curb exchanges continued today. James J. Benelisha, head of the firm bearing his name, was charged in five counts with violation of the law requiring the filing of certain information regarding properties the stock of which is advertised. Like the nine other brokers arrested in the past three days, he pleaded not guilty and was held in \$2,500 bonds.

TRUCK STOLEN

South Norwalk, March 27.—A two-ton capacity automobile truck, owned by Daniel I. Peters, South avenue, Bristol, was stolen from the turnpike between 5 o'clock and 6 o'clock last night, while the driver and his helper were absent in a search for a telephone to summon help to get the truck out of a hole in the pavement. It was of a Collier make and bore the license number C-17551.

Allies Now Find Secreted Arms

Paris, March 27.—Great quantities of arms have been discovered in Germany by the allied officers charged with supervising execution of the peace treaty, according to advices received here. In Brandenburg and in the immediate vicinity of Berlin alone 3,500 three inch field guns were found.

This discovery by the allies officers, together with other information in possession of the French authorities is considered by French officials to indicate that Germany is endeavoring to avoid executing the terms of the treaty.

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST VALUATIONS

Appeals to the Superior court for reduction of assessments were made today by three petitioners, notices of the suit, returnable the first Tuesday in May, being received at the city clerk's office this morning.

The Hawley Hardware Company states that it valued their Main street property at \$2,400 and that the tax commissioners assessed the property at \$127,947 and the business at \$55,000. Appeal to the Board of Relief resulted only in a reduction of the business valuation from \$55,000 to \$73,000.

The Park City Lumber Company valued its property in Harbor street at \$11,000 and it was assessed at \$72,500. Two automobiles inventoried at \$400 and \$500 respectively were valued by the tax office at \$840 and \$1,050. These company now seeks relief in court.

Shaurice S. Rosen, Charles H. and J. G. Shapiro want reduction on assessed valuation of properties located in Broad, Wade, Main, John streets, Washington, Fairfield and Crescent avenues.

They value the properties at \$152,400 and they were assessed at \$218,407.

SAM LAVIT TO LEAVE CITY

Is To Make His Headquarters In New York.

Sam Lavit is going to leave Bridgeport, temporarily at least. Last night at the meeting of Lodge No. 30, American and Metal Workers of America, he was selected as the representative from this section on the temporary executive board of the new organization and will make his headquarters in New York city. He will leave Tuesday.

The permanent officers and executive board of the Metal Workers will be selected at an election which will be held within 30 months and there is no doubt but that Lavit will be elected a member of the permanent executive board.

It looks as though Bridgeport is to become a hotbed of labor and industrial labor leaders in the country.

Philip Desaleis has been elected business agent of Lodge No. 30 and he will be assisted in the organization of the metal workers of this city by Richard Monks, one of the men who was relieved of his duties as business agent in New York city by the Grand Lodge.

FIRES DAMAGE PHILADELPHIA CONNECTICUT RIVER RISING

Southampton, March 27.—Two fires on the American liner Philadelphia damaged the vessel so badly today that her sailing was abandoned pending extensive repairs.

In view of similar fires on the steamer New York here recently the manager of the vessel believes the fire of incendiary origin.

UKRAINIANS IN ODESSA

Paris, March 27.—Odessa, the great Russian port on the Black Sea, has been occupied by Ukrainians under General Pawlenko, commander of the Ukrainian national army, according to information received by the Ukrainian mission in Paris today.

Our Troops Out Of Siberia By April 1

RUSS OFFICERS AID WORKERS

London, March 27.—One hundred Russian officers sent to Germany by Nicolai Lenin, Russian Bolshevik premier, are assisting in the operations of the German workers' army before Wesel, says a Copenhagen dispatch to the London Times, quoting an interview with an Ebert government officer at Muenster by the correspondent of the Politikon.

The dispatch says the workers have control of the Krupp works at Essen and are turning out arms and ammunition. The officer expects Wesel to be evacuated by government troops in order that devastation and bloodshed may be avoided, the correspondent says.

GLATZ GARRISON SEIZES OFFICERS

Berlin, March 27.—The garrison at Glatz, a fortified town of Prussian Silesia, 52 miles southwest of Breslau, surrounded the quarters of their officers and arrested them, according to the Vossische Zeitung. The soldiers were armed with machine guns and mine throwers. The captain of the garrison shot himself, the newspapers say.

LEGISLATURE CAN CONVENE ITSELF SAY SUFFRAGISTS

LOCAL SOCIETY ATTENDS COURT

Testify At Imminent Death Hearing Held By Coroner.

Bridgeport society was well represented when Coroner Phelan started his imminent death hearing this morning in the case of William Jesche, who was injured in an automobile collision at Washington avenue and Courtland street March 25. Miss Henrietta Bishop, daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Henry A. Bishop, was a witness and so were Mrs. Helen Barnes and Mrs. Noble E. Vincent, who live near the scene of the accident.

Miss Bishop was an occupant of the car driven by Mrs. Ruth Fleming, 985 Norman street, which collided with Jesche's machine. Miss Bishop said Jesche's car was going about 35 to 40 miles an hour. She said it was impossible for Mrs. Fleming to see the approaching car in time to avoid the accident because of a large truck which was on Washington avenue at the time. The witness noticed that the driver of Jesche's car applied the brakes suddenly, which caused the machine to skid for a short distance and then overturn.

Mrs. Fleming said she was driving west on Golden Hill street and had just turned into Washington avenue, when she steered around a truck. Before she could avoid the crash the other car suddenly appeared from behind the truck. Mrs. Barnes and her daughter, Mrs. Vincent, were sitting on the porch of their home on Courtland when the accident happened. They said Jesche's car was going very fast. The hearing was continued until next Tuesday.

DID NOT KNOW HE HIT MAN

Witness Says He Saw Victim Try To Escape Truck.

That he did not see the man who was struck and fatally injured by a motor truck last night at Wall street and the Plaza was the testimony of James Sylvester, driver of the truck, when he appeared before Coroner Phelan this morning. Sylvester claimed he did not know anybody had been struck until he heard the shouts of bystanders. He did not see the man trying to cross the street, he maintained.

George Bocotas, a member of the crew of the tug George E. McWilliams, testified that he was standing on the sidewalk and saw the man throw up his hands and try to jump out of the way of the truck. As the dead man is still unidentified Coroner Phelan continued the hearing until the police department can gather some information about him. The truck is owned by the International Motors Co. of New Brunswick, N. J.

FOUR ARE DEAD AND TEN HURT

Motor Bus and Train Collide Early This Morning.

Philadelphia, March 27.—Four employees of the Atlantic Refining Company are dead and ten others are reported injured as a result of a collision this morning between a passenger motor bus and a Philadelphia and Reading High Speed train.

Twenty men and three women employees of the oil company rode in the bus. The accident occurred at 63rd street and Gibson avenue. Sixty-third street, approaching the railroad at Gibson avenue, is a down grade.

The chauffeur and the occupants of the bus saw the train approaching when within 100 feet of the railroad. The chauffeur applied the brakes but the wheels refused to grip the slippery grade. The chauffeur then twisted the steering gear sharply and the bus veered sideways into a warning signal pole. The collision failed to halt the bus, which sideswiped the second coach of the train and overturned. None of the bus passengers had an opportunity to jump. Several of them were thrown clear of the wreckage. Others were caught under it.

CANNOT FIND WOMAN'S HEIRS

Because no trace can be found of the heirs of Phoebe Gorham, who lived in Stratford about 1790 and who once held title to Stratford property now known as Miller Park, Elizabeth Seitzinger and Willard R. Miller have started proceedings in the Superior court to quiet the title to the land.

As Willard R. Miller is a minor the suit was brought in his behalf by Anne Beaumont.

It is claimed that Elizabeth Seitzinger got a one-third interest in the property from Alma E. Caprillan, formerly of Stratford. Willard R. Miller claims a two-thirds interest. A number of lots in the tract have been sold but in order to clear up the chain of title to the parcel which fronts on Mitchell's lane the present owners wish to be certain that the heirs of Phoebe Gorham will appear in the future and claim an interest in the property. The suit is returnable to the April term of court.

MONEY SPENT LEGITIMATELY

Chicago, March 27.—Any money used in furtherance of Major General Leonard Wood's presidential campaign has been expended openly for perfectly legitimate publicity and presentation of his merits and "not one cent for any indirect or corrupt purpose," said a statement by W. C. Procter, national campaign manager in reply to charges made in the senate yesterday by Senator Borah.

"The people approve methods of the open and straightforward sort that we have adopted," said the statement. "We resent any statement or insinuation of illegal or corrupt expenditure and shall hold the guilty person responsible therefore."

"This attack at this time looks like the last stand of the C. P. guard."

Plainfield, Conn., March 27.—Milk prices will drop a half cent a quart April 1 to the Providence and Boston markets by way of Providence and Willimantic and Norwich and Worcester trains, it was announced today.

Will Appeal to Primary and Fundamental Right If Holcomb Again Refuses Special Session—Claim State Constitution Gives Power to Assembly.

Norwalk, Conn., March 27.—Woman suffragists have redoubled their efforts to secure a special session of the Connecticut general assembly to consider ratification of the federal amendment, and today Miss Alice Paul, National Chairman of the National Woman's Party, through Mrs. Helen Hill Weed, daughter of the late congressman E. J. Hill, issued a statement that should Governor Holcomb decline to use his "permissive power" to call a special session of the general assembly the suffragists "will fall back on the primary and fundamental right of the general assembly to convene itself in general session."

Miss Paul's statement follows: "In the event that Governor Holcomb refuses to use the co-ordinate and permissive powers given by the 14th amendment to the Connecticut Constitution, suffragists will fall back on the primary and fundamental right of the general assembly to convene itself in general session, a right granted by Article III, Section 2, of the Connecticut State Constitution."

"We do not believe that the government was correctly quoted in the statement attributed to him last Thursday. We believe a zealous anti-suffrage reporter misunderstood his position as has been the case several times before on this issue."

"We have too high opinion of his astuteness as a lawyer to believe that he would express such an opinion on the legal and constitutional points involved or become so confused regarding the differing principles of state and federal action on the suffrage question."

"We believe that when the official representatives of the Republican state convention present to him the resolution from the convention and the reason for their action that he will recognize that a situation now exists which justified the use of his permissive power to call the special session. But if he should continue to refuse we shall then resort to the fundamental right of the people themselves to act through their representatives in the general assembly."

"The people have never surrendered this primary right of action to any man or group of men."

Hartford, Conn., March 27.—The words in the original article of the constitution above referred to, after fixing the time and place of the general assembly sessions, are "and at such other times as the general assembly shall judge necessary." The article was amended in 1873 (Article XIV) which dropped New Haven as the alternate place for general assembly sessions; in 1875 by Article XVI which relates to election of state officers; and a foot note calls attention to Article XXXIV which relates to the exercise of pardoning power by the lieutenant governor in even the death or disability of the governor.

TWO STEAMERS ARE MISSING

Paris, March 27.—Two French steamers, the Lux and the Viduban, have been missing since the recent hurricane over the Mediterranean and it is believed they were lost with all hands. There were 117 persons on board the Lux and 25 on the Viduban.

RUHR FUGITIVES GO TO HOLLAND

Rotterdam, March 27.—Hundreds of fugitives from the Ruhr district are nearing the Dutch frontier, according to a correspondent of the Courant. Some arrived at Stearnburg, bringing stories of the "Red terror" in towns through which spartacists have driven armored cars.

They confirm reports, the correspondent says, that the workers' forces are being led by Russians or other foreigners.

BOLSHEVIKI TAKE NOVOROSSISK

London, March 27.—Novorossisk, the last base in southern Russia under control of General Denikin has been captured by the Russian Bolsheviks, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

Panama, March 27.—Obstructions in the Culebra Cut, district of the Panama Canal were removed yesterday and the great waterway is again open for traffic after a six day interruption.

Rome, March 27.—Railway men at Genoa have struck unexpectedly because of the opening of a school there for military engineers. Traffic is blocked, 1,000 travelers are marooned in the city and the port of Genoa is completely tied up.